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R 280839Z MAY 77
FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4496
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

S E C R E T KHARTOUM 1802

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN NIMEIRI AND SADIQ AL MAHDI

REF: KHARTOUM 1740

SUMMARY: NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN NIMEIRI AND SADIQ AL-MAHDI
CONTINUING WITH EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
TWO MEN ARE VERY NEAR FINAL AGREEMENT, AND MEETING
BETWEEN THEM NOW EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN KHARTOUM
AROUND JUNE 20. END SUMMARY.

1. DELICATE AND HIGHLY-SECRET NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
NIMEIRI AND SADIQ AL-MAHDI (REFTEL) ARE CONTINUING.
NIMEIRI'S INAUGURATION SPEECH (KHARTOUM 1795)
CONTAINED CONCILIATORY GESTURE TOWARD SADIQ AL-MAHDI
AND HIS FOLLOWERS WITHOUT MENTIONING THEM BY NAME.
SPEECH ALSO CONTAINED EXPRESSION OF REGRET OVER
ABA ISLAND INCIDENT.

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2. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN NIMEIRI
AND SADIQ IS LEADING LOCAL BUSINESSMAN, FATH ABD
AL-RAHMAN BESHIR, WHO IN LAST FEW DAYS HAS BROUGHT
BACK FROM LONDON SADIQ'S REPLY TO NIMEIRI'S
PROPOSALS. IT WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE ALTHOUGH
SADIQ ASKED FOR FINANCIAL COMPENSATION FOR

RELATIVES OF THOSE KILLED IN ABA ISLAND. HE ALSO REQUESTED A GENERAL AMNESTY FOR HIS FOLLOWERS AND "SOMETHING" FOR ANSAR. APPARENTLY SADIQ WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE RULING SUDAN SOCIALIST UNION MODIFIED TO BE ABLE TO INCLUDE HIS FOLLOWERS AND ALSO TO HAVE ITS NAME CHANGED.

3. WE UNDERSTAND SADIQ'S LETTER WAS REVIEWED BY NIMEIRI FRIDAY, MAY 27, AND THAT HE HAS NOW PREPARED A RESPONSE WHICH BESHIR IS TAKING TO SADIQ IN LONDON. WE UNDERSTAND AS WELL THAT NIMEIRI'S RESPONSE TO SADIQ'S REQUEST WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE. UNTIL NOW NIMEIRI HAS DEALT ONLY WITH BESHIR AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF SUDANGOV AND SSU ARE OF HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH SADIQ. HOWEVER, HE HAS DECIDED THAT HE SHOULD NOW BRING FIRST VICE PRESIDENT BAGHIR INTO THE PICTURE.

4. AS A RESULT OF THESE TWENTY DEVELOPMENTS, IT NOW APPEARS THAT SADIQ AND NIMEIRI ARE VIRTUALLY IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND NEXT STEP WILL BE FOR THEM TO MEET. NIMEIRI NOW WANTS TO MEET SADIQ IN KHARTOUM RATHER THAN IN PORT SUDAN AS REPORTED REFTEL. NIMEIRI HAS ADVISED SADIQ THAT GOOD TIME TO MEET WOULD BE AFTER HIS RETURN FROM CHINA WHICH WOULD BE AROUND JUNE 20.

5. COMMENT: FOREGOING INFO HAS BEEN PROVIDED EMBASSY IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND IT SHOULD BE SECRET

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